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ICC TO HOST PUBLIC FORUM ON AQUA ILLINOIS ACQUISITION OF MANTENO WATER SYSTEM

The Illinois Commerce Commission will conduct a public forum Thursday, November 9 in Manteno on Aqua Illinois Inc.'s proposal to acquire the Manteno water system.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at Manteno City Hall, 211 N. Main Street.

Aqua filed a petition in March seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity to acquire, operate and maintain the water supply and distribution system now owned by the village of Manteno. Aqua intends to extend water mains to connect up with the Kankakee water system, which it owns and operates.

The water bill for an average customer in Manteno using 5,000 gallons of water a month would increase from \$15.25 to \$39.56 if the proposal is approved. The water bill would include a new public fire protection charge of approximately \$2.76.

Oral and written testimony on the proposal, in Docket 06-0203, may be submitted. A public forum officer will conduct the meeting. A representative of Aqua Illinois will be on hand to explain the company's proposal.

A stenographic record of comments will be taken and made available to commissioners during their deliberations. Documents in the case are filed on the ICC electronic docketing system at www.icc.illinois.gov.

A final order in the case is expected in early spring.

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